

NEWBORN SCREENING

The Three Parts to Newborn Screening

Did you know?

All babies in the United States receive newborn screening.



Blood test or heel stick

A small blood sample is taken from your baby's heel and placed on a newborn screening card. This card is mailed to a state laboratory for analysis.



Hearing screen

One of two tests may be used to screen for hearing loss in your baby. Both tests are simple and safe and can be done while your baby is asleep.



Pulse oximetry

Pulse oximetry is a test that measures the amount of oxygen in your baby's blood and can detect some heart problems called Critical Congenital Heart Disease (CCHD).



Finnegan was diagnosed with profound hearing loss in one ear and moderate to severe in the other.

“Finnegan's hearing screens at birth ensured that he had the best start to life. [This] meant early diagnosis. [This] meant exposure to sound at a young age. [This] meant support therapy like speech to help him meet developmental milestones. [This] meant resources for ASL. [This] meant community so we could connect with families likes our and people of all ages who are like him. **Hearing screening opened Finnegan's world and ours.**

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- Loving parents of Finnegan



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